

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 8 as follows:

Core member 12 may be made from any suitable material including metals, metal alloys, polymers (including any of those listed herein), or any other suitable material. Some examples of suitable metals and metal alloys include stainless steel, such as 304V, 304L, and 316L stainless steel; alloys including nickel-titanium alloy such as linear elastic or superelastic (i.e., pseudoelastic) nitinol; nickel-chromium alloy; nickel-chromium-iron alloy; cobalt alloy; tungsten or tungsten alloys; MP35-N (having a composition of about 35% Ni, 35% Co, 20% Cr, 9.75% Mo, a maximum 1% Fe, a maximum 1% Ti, a maximum 0.25% C, a maximum 0.15% Mn, and a maximum 0.15% Si); hastelloy; monel 400; inconel 625 ~~inconel 825~~; or the like; or other suitable materials.